Offenders Strive to Be Better Dads at Correctional Industrial Facility

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Superintendent Tom Hanlon (middle) Joins Two Graduates from the Inside Out Dads Program

Pendleton, Indiana - (March 21, 2007) - Correctional Industrial Facility in Pendleton, Indiana, held its first Inside Out Dad's Fatherhood graduation ceremony today. Nineteen graduating offenders received Certificates of Completion from the twelve week program during this celebration.

Through this innovative program offenders are learning the skills they need to be involved, responsible and committed fathers. Inside Out Dads teaches offenders to connect with their children while incarcerated and prepares them for lasting relationships with their families when they are released from prison.

"I applaud the graduates of the Inside Out Dads Program", said Commissioner J. David Donahue.

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Many of these graduates will now assist with the next Inside Out Dad's Class at Correctional Industrial Facility. The next classes are scheduled to begin in April, with over 140 offenders already signed up.

"I feel we are off to a good, positive start with this new program," stated Superintendent Thomas D. Hanlon, who was in attendance at the graduation ceremony.

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